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**Social & Personal**

The four visiting vice-presidents of U.S. banking institutions—Messrs. M. Lester Mandel of the Bankers Trust, Peter White of the Manufacturers Trust Company, Riley P. Stevenson of the National City Bank of New York and Pierce Onthank of the Chemical Corp. Exchange Bank—arrived yesterday morning at the residence of the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Weissman Institute and Mrs. Meyer Weisgal at their home in Rehovot.

**ARRIVALS:** Mr. Endo Nishimura, Spanish U.S.A. leader from Madrid, and Mrs. Nishimura, for a three-week visit as guests of the U.J.A. and the Jewish Agency; Mr. J. Neufeld, the architect, from New York for a visit in connection with the building of the Hadassah-University Medical Centre.

**DEPARTURES:** Dr. S. Moses, the State Controller, for a short visit to Nicosia.

Mr. Lester Humphrey, Past President of the International Association of Y.M.C.A.'s Clubs, and Mr. Hirschman, created a bust of Isaac M. Hirschman, Gates yesterday morning, for a short visit on the way back to the United States from the Paris Centennial Convention of the Y.M.C.A. They were welcomed by the President of the Jerusalem Y.M.C.A. Club, Mr. K. Becker, and the Secretary, Mr. L. Meyer.

Dr. Yakir Bahar, General Agent of the Belgo-Continental, Brussels, has left for Europe by air.

An exhibition of rugs, basket-work and jewelry produced by the Magen David Workshop (Makabi) will be opened at the Jerusalem Artists House by Mrs. Ruth Dayan at 5.30 this afternoon. A feature of the exhibition will be a demonstration of carpet-weaving on hand loom. Poetry by Geula Schreiber-Tromik and Yehuda Lapinsker by Kehanya will also be on view.

At five o'clock, an exhibition of paintings by Zvi Shor will be opened in the same hall by Miron Sima.

Under the auspices of the Hadassah Council of Israel-American Friendship League, a symposium on the participation of the State University of New York in U.S.O.M. projects will be held at Beth Horeh, Haifa, at 8.30 p.m. tomorrow. Mr. Paul Oryza, Director of the SUNY Group, Dr. A. Perlman, Dr. W. W. H. Hoffer, Miss N.S. Watts, and Mr. W.J. Weaver will take part.

I.P.O. subscribers in Tel Aviv are reminded that the last date for renewal of subscriptions is Friday, September 23. Any tickets not taken up by that date will be sold at a special date to a long list of requests.

**EXPRESSION OF THANKS**  
Yehuda, Fraenkel and family,  
Dina, Farah, Tel Aviv, and  
Daniel Cohen, New York, wish  
to thank friends and acquaintances for their expression of  
sympathy on the tragic death  
of Ora.

**Israel Diplomats in  
42 Countries**

As of August 1, Israel had diplomatic representations in 42 countries. It is reported in the Government Year Book, due to appear on the eve of Rosh Hashana.

In 20 countries, Israel maintains permanent diplomatic representations and 22 additional countries have diplomatic representative (Greece). In addition, she has 12 consulates abroad, and a U.N. representative in New York and one in Geneva. Thirty countries are represented diplomatically in Israel's six embassies, 25 legations, and one representative (Greece).

The Year Book also announced that Israel was a signatory to 11 foreign trade agreements on June 1—five more than on the same date in 1954. During the same period, imports accounted for 40 per cent of all imports, and were covered by exports accounting for 40 per cent of the country's total export.

**Growth of Technion  
Graduate School**

**HADASSAH**, Saturday. Enrollment at the Graduate School of the Technion this year exceeds 100, and the number is expected to rise to about 120 in the coming academic year. Dr. M. Levy, Secretary for Academic Staff, said recently. All these students are working for their Master's or Doctor's degree.

Established in 1948, the Graduate School has grown appreciably within the past two years. As in Europe, the main stress of the studies is laid on research and preparation of a thesis, but lectures and study groups on the graduate level also are being organized on an increasing scale.

The Graduate School is also intended to serve as a training ground for the Technion's future senior teaching staff.

**ANTARCTIC**.—The New Zealand Government is budgeting for \$64,000 to be spent in the Antarctic during the international geological year, July, 1957 to December, 1958.

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**LAW REPORT**

*The Jerusalem Post*  
September 11, 1955

In the Supreme Court Sitting As High Court of Justice Before the Deputy President / Justice Chaimon, Justices Goitein and Barzilai.

Shimon Bar, Petitioner, v. L. Sarah Bar, a. The President of the Tel Aviv Execution Office (H.C. 28/1955).

**Runaway Son Not to Be Returned to Father**

The High Court discharged an order not granted to the petitioner on April 28, 1955, calling on the respondents to show cause why they should not produce the boy, Dan Bar, before the Court in order to deliver him to his father, the petitioner, and calling on the respondent to show cause why he should not order the first respondent to be imprisoned until the child is returned.

Shimon and Sarah Bar were divorced in 1952. One of the conditions of the divorce was that their son, Dan, should remain with his father but should be allowed to visit his mother twice a week at the home of his father, the petitioner.

At the time of the divorce in December, 1952, the boy visited his mother and did not return. The father thereupon applied to the Execution Office, Tel Aviv, to execute the judgment and imprison the mother under the law.

The President of the Execution Office decided that the mother was not detaining the boy but that the boy himself had refused point blank to return to his father. He therefore dismissed the application.

Hence the petition to the High Court, which granted an order not to return. On the Return Day, Mr. Buchbinder, lawyer for the petitioner, and Mr. M. L. Leker, the Court for the respondents, decided that the mother was not detaining the boy but that the boy himself had refused point blank to return to his father. The High Court, therefore, dismissed the application.

Judgment

The reasoned judgment of the High Court was delivered by Justice Cheshin who dealt primarily with the question of the correct procedure in a case of this nature: a petition for an order of the nature of *habeas corpus*, or a petition directed against the Execution Office, to the effect that the Rabbincal Court judgment be executed in accordance with the terms of Section 48 of the Execution Law, which states that:

"If the judgment-debtor fails to deliver a certain defined goods to the petitioner or if he fails to do so, the petitioner may apply to the Court for forcible execution of the order to be confined to prison... If the order be for the delivery of a child, then the judgment-debtor must not be confined to prison until such time as the child is duly delivered. Provided that in general the wishes of a child would not be regarded as sufficient justification for not carrying out the terms of a final judgment, and for neglecting the natural rights of custody recognized by the law, and this particularly when obvious and external pressure has been brought to bear on the child" (See R.V. Clarke, 119 E.R. 1217) Justice Cheshin nevertheless considered the circumstances of the present case to be such as to make the above principle inapplicable.

He went on to describe an interview in Chambers between the three Justices and his father and his son, which took place before the judgment was delivered. The father had applied to the Court that the child, who was exceptionally intelligent for his 10 years, would not remain with his father, and that he should be confined to prison. The boy, however, had not only not brought undue influence to bear on him to remain with her but, on the contrary, had tried to persuade him to return to his father. The conference wound up on Thursday.

**URGENT**—Eight survivors of U.S. cities left New York yesterday in the Italian liner Andrea Doria to attend the International Congress of Cities in Rome from September 22 to October 1.

**Swiss Investors Plan  
'No Key Money' Flats**

**TEL AVIV**, Saturday.—No key-money will be required from local residents renting flats in houses to be built by a group of foreign investors.

This plan was announced to Thursday by A. Goldstein, Chairman of the Building Contractors' Association, speaking at the annual meeting of the Association. However, rent will be much higher than that normally charged where key-money has been paid, he said. A local resident who has drawn Hillelutz, the contractor, would give a 25 per cent reduction in the rent. The deposit would be returned when the flat was vacated, Mr. Goldstein added.

Building on this basis is planned by a group of Swiss investors who expect to obtain the co-operation of a number of countries. The Minister of Finance is said to be willing to cooperate by allowing part of the landlords' income to be transferred abroad in foreign currency, Mr. Goldstein said.

Mr. Goldstein, who added, had discussions with contractors to the extent of IL 45 m., IL 100, of which went to the Histradut sector.

**Funds for Financing**

He called on the Government to "reconsider its attitude" towards the private building sector, and said the IL 2 m. to be contributed annually to the "Secondary Fund" for the financing of new buildings and to provide short-term (2-3 year) mortgages. Mr. Goldstein claimed that the building trade supplied the Treasury with IL 2 m. yearly revenue from taxes and customs, and deserved this help. He pointed out that, with the new tax on cement, the Government received between IL 700 and IL 800 on every room built.

Mr. Y. Miron, of Haifa, said that skilled workers were at a standstill and contractors had struck for wages higher than those authorized by the Histadrut. He also claimed that "social benefits" above normal wages were too high, and could not be borne by the contractors alone.

The "cartelization" of building materials was deplored by Mr. Goldstein. He claimed that the cartels allowed low-grade materials to monopolize the market.

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**ON THE AIR**

**FIRST PROGRAMME**  
10.30, 22.30 & 23.30 p.m.  
News: Hebrew, 8.30 & 11.00 a.m.; Arabic (News and Programmes including News); 8.30 a.m. & 4.30 p.m.

11.30 a.m. English Service; 8.30 Hebrew Service; 8.30 English, French, 7 a.m. Turn and Exercise, 8.30 a.m. French, German, Italian, 9.30 a.m. Spanish (Matins), Languages: French, Arabic, English, German, Hungarian, Hebrew, Portuguese; 11.30 a.m. Chapel of King David (Hotel); 12.30 a.m. Chapel of King David (Hotel); 1.30 p.m. Chapel of King David (Hotel); 2.30 p.m. Chapel of King David (Hotel); 3.30 p.m. Chapel of King David (Hotel); 4.30 p.m. Chapel of King David (Hotel); 5.30 p.m. Chapel of King David (Hotel); 6.30 p.m. Chapel of King David (Hotel); 7.30 p.m. Chapel of King David (Hotel); 8.30 p.m. Chapel of King David (Hotel); 9.30 p.m. Chapel of King David (Hotel); 10.30 p.m. Chapel of King David (Hotel); 11.30 p.m. Chapel of King David (Hotel); 12.30 a.m. Chapel of King David (Hotel); 1.30 p.m. Chapel of King David (Hotel); 2.30 p.m. Chapel of King David (Hotel); 3.30 p.m. Chapel of King David (Hotel); 4.30 p.m. Chapel of King David (Hotel); 5.30 p.m. Chapel of King David (Hotel); 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"At 1000 ft. at 2 p.m. B. Min. max temp. C. Maximum recorded. D. Maximum temp. reported today.

THE MEETING of the suspending apprentices which was to have been held this evening under the auspices of the Department of Vocational Training in Tel Aviv, has been postponed to 8.30 p.m. on Tuesday at Beit Hameiri, 56 Sderot Rothschild, Tel Aviv.

## More Oil Prospecting in Dead Sea Area

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV, Saturday.—Oil drilling in the Dead Sea basin will continue after more prospecting in the area by Dr. H. Tschopp and Dr. W. Fehr. Mr. L. Barnea, General Manager of Lapine, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. The structural drillings are to be made in two points not far from the Massada bore, where drilling was suspended last week. Drilling may also be undertaken in the Edom mountain area.

Oil prospectors in Israel are keenly awaiting the outcome of the drilling in the Dead Sea basin at advanced stages. Mr. Barnes said at Massada (Kurnub), the Pan-Israel Oil Company has reportedly reached a depth of over 8,000 feet; the Kurnub drill of the Pontine Company is nearing 6,000 feet; and the progress is fast in the Edom area, where Lapine and Israeli prospectors started drilling a short time ago.

However, Mr. Barnes said, even if at all three results are negative, oil men will not be discouraged. All geological data indicate that there must be oil deep under the surface. Unfortunately, contrary to expectations, the oil had disappeared from the oil pools which have been reached. The prospecting companies have exchanged information in which they have gained over the past two years. None of the bore already drilled has been completely abandoned. At present, the drilling can be resumed immediately if new data — or new machinery — hold out promise of better results.

## ARAB SEES DAGOM SILO AT WORK

Jerusalem Post Bureau HAIFA, Saturday.—The Minister of Transport, Mr. Zalman Aranne, yesterday spent three hours on a tour of the Dagom silo and its quay-side installations, while the pneumatic unloading of grain from the A.S. Windsor was in progress. His guide was Dr. H. Henen Hecht, Dagom's manager. Both men declined to make any statement on their meeting.

The General Manager of Sod-ki-Boneh, Mr. David Maccabi, also inspected the grain unloading process aboard the A.S. Windsor.

## FORD COMPANY THANKS TEL AVIV AGENTS

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—The Ford Motor Company of Great Britain has cabled to the Palestine Automobile Corporation, asking its agents in Tel Aviv, acknowledging the part which the Tel Aviv company has played in enabling the manufacturers to reach the figure of one million cars produced for export since the end of the war.

It is understood that the local company marketed a thousand English Fords in this country during this period. The one million export cars were presented at a special ceremony at the factory at Dagenham, to the purchasers, a couple from Vancouver, Canada, who were flown to Britain as the Company's guests for a week.

## BICYCLIST KILLED BY TRUCK

AFULIA, Saturday.—Denny Kadar was fatally injured here this afternoon when he was knocked off his bicycle by a truck. The driver, an Afulian resident, was detained.

REHOVOT, Saturday.—Six persons were injured when a truck collided with a tender on the Kastina-Fulda road opposite Mezah Avivit at three o'clock yesterday afternoon. The driver of the tender, Mr. Yosef Friedman of Netivot Gan, and his five passengers, were taken to Kaplan Hospital here, one of the passengers, Mr. Yosef Yosef, 36, of Nahal Yehuda, whose injuries were more serious, was afterwards taken to Beilinson Hospital.

The other four, injured were, Mr. Shlomo Shabtai, 35, of Holon; Mr. Shlomo Shabtai, 31, of Bet Liid; mother, Mr. Martin Yosef, 36, of Rishon le Zion, and Mr. A. Farman of Kfar Netter. The driver of the truck, Yacov Soffer, 41, of Kibbutz Na'an, was detained.

To our dear colleague  
Otto Lehmann

Please accept my profound sympathy on the passing away of your wife

**Mrs. Frida Lehmann**

United Baptists Organization - Israel  
Management and staff

Sept. 6, 1955

To our friend  
**OTTO LEHMANN**

We express our heartfelt sympathy on the passing away of our wife

**Mrs. Frida Lehmann**

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Sept. 6, 1955

## Tension Follows Levanon's Election

By SHAYA SHAPIRO

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—Tension between the Histadrut and Mapai mounted yesterday, after Mr. A. Boyar Levanon in the Tel Aviv Municipal Council on Thursday, have sent urgent messages to the local Labour Council, demanding the severance of all relations with Mapai-Hamizrahi.

Mr. Boyar's support of Mayor Levanon is believed to be based on personal relations as he had given the Mapai-Hamizrahi group in the past. His party was persuaded into breaking his stand on two assumptions: that the electorate should be shown that Mapai-Hamizrahi is independent. Mapai said that that Mapai would not dare to form a coalition Government without taking in the religious groups.

A purely labour government is not ruled out, however, as the world situation has changed considerably in the past two years. Mapai is a split party, and even Mapai-Hamizrahi took a notable turn towards Zionism.

Mr. Levanon told *The Jerusalem Post* that the next meeting of the Council, at which Deputy Mayors are due to be elected, "may be held on Monday or Tuesday."

## Police Attacked While Dispersing Illegal Meeting

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—Twelve policemen and demonstrators were slightly injured and 12 persons were arrested here today, when an unauthorized Communist meeting was held at the corner of Allenby Road and Rehov Bnei Zion, where Levanon and Israel prospectors started drilling a short time ago.

Posters appeared on Friday advertising a Communist-sponsored meeting to be addressed by Mr. M. Wilner, Mr. Y. Shatz and Mr. Ovadia. The meeting was held in the Municipality building, and the police had collected. The police said that the organizers had not bothered to apply for permission to hold the meeting, and if they went ahead and held it, the gathering would be dispersed.

At 7 p.m. a lorry was driving out of Rehov Bnei Zion carrying a loudspeaker and Mr. Wilner and other Communist leaders. It was followed by a group of Communists carrying party signs and posters. While police officers requested the organizers to disperse quietly, demonstrators shouted anti-political slogans.

A few minutes after Mr. Wilner began his speech, police units began breaking up the meeting and tried to take down the loudspeaker. Fights broke out, during which 12 police and demonstrators were injured. Eight policemen and four demonstrators were slightly injured and treated by personnel of Magen David Adom. A number of policemen had their uniforms torn and their numbers ripped off during the clash.

Before matters arrive at this further stage, however, political circles here foresee some trouble. Mapai-Hamizrahi will demand the Histadrut to cancel the Histadrut-Trade Union Department agreement with the Government for Religious Affairs, and the Ministry for Social Welfare. Possibly the Ministry of Public Works will withdraw from the Ministry of Interior. The religious parties will find their way back — to the Ministry for Religious Affairs — instead of government "control" as they originally demanded of the Labour Exchanges. If the General Zionists show more inclination to join the coalition, then the oil will be distributed and the coalition will be disbanded.

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LYDDA AIRPORT, Saturday (Continued from page 1) anti-Greek demonstrations in Istanbul last week, passengers arriving here from Turkey yesterday disclosed.

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THE resolution which the Security Council adopted at its session on Thursday was meant to be a more realistic appreciation of the position as between Israel and Egypt in

relation to the Gaza strip border, in the sense that there was no automatic condemnation of Israel's defensive reaction to Egyptian acts of sabotage and murder. It will be recalled that in an almost similar pattern of events last February, the Security Council brushed all the relevant attendant circumstances aside and proceeded only to condemn Israel's action at Gaza. The new realism stopped short, however, at this negative appreciation of the situation. There was no reference in the resolution to the violence, sabotage and murder deep inside Israel's territory, nor was any attempt made to censure those responsible for breaking off the original Gaza talks to which the Council attaches so much importance.

It is a positive gain this time that the Council makes an attempt to look ahead towards a solution rather than confining itself to criticism concerning the past. But in this prospect which has replaced the old and unfruitful retrospect, it is unfortunate that the Security Council once more allows itself to become bogged down in technicalities and technical proposals which are to constitute a panacea for all ills. It is possible that some of the measures suggested by General Burns may be an improvement on those put forward in the past, but even if the agreement of both sides could be secured, for them and an honest attempt were made to work them, they would not produce that fundamental change in the situation which is essential to a genuine solution.

Unhappily, until the Security Council finds some way of getting to the core of the problem, which is the active and expressed belligerence of Egypt and her absolute refusal to consider any suggestion which might take matters in the direction of a permanent settlement, any proposal put forward must end in futility. There have been resolutions on the freedom of passage through the Suez Canal, for example, which have been loftily ignored by Egypt and have become dead letters. Nothing will be achieved by going into details which aim at strengthening the authority of the Chief of Staff of its True Supervision Organization, and not at pacification.

It is possible that the main reason why the Security Council does not take this course of action is that it has no alternative solution to offer. But there could be. It will be recalled that on November 16, 1948, when the negotiations between Israel and the Arab states were bogged down in a hopeless bewilderment of conflicting and unacceptable proposals, the Security Council passed a resolution in which it called upon the parties to enter into negotiations either directly, or through the United Nations, for a permanent armistice to replace the truce. This bold resolution was effective and the present armistice agreements followed a few months later. It seems clear that a similar impasse has been reached now and that the Security Council has come to the limit of its usefulness along the old lines of approach.

This does not, of course, exclude discussion by both parties of technical proposals suggested, and Israel has already notified its agreement to resume talks immediately, even as Egypt has announced that she has no intention of entering into the new negotiations proposed by the Security Council. Nothing effective will be achieved unless technical talks, if they are resumed, are conducted against the background of a larger and more imaginative proposal.

### MACMILLAN LAUDS ANGLO-IRAQI AMITY

LONDON, Saturday (Reuters). — Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan said here last night that the Iraqi Government was contributing \$100,000 towards a fund for the promotion of Anglo-Iraqi friendship.

Speaking at the annual dinner of the Anglo-Iraqi Society, Mr. Macmillan said that Iraq's main defence responsibilities in the Middle East and her spectacular economic development had greatly enhanced her international re-

## Prime Minister Sharett Gives Interview to U.P. Positive Features in Dulles' Plan

SECRETARY of State John Foster Dulles' recent address to the Council on Foreign Relations is a highly important, well thought out, and carefully prepared document which calls for a resolute and determined reaction, said Mr. Moshe Sharett, Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, in reply to queries put to him by Mr. Eliaz Simons of the United Press in Jerusalem on Friday.

The address presents a number of really constructive features, said Mr. Sharett. It envisages and pledges efforts to achieve a peaceful coexistence between the Arab states and Israel. It expresses the hope that this may now be attained in a manner that will be acceptable to all, and not entail a sacrifice of the national interests at stake. It emphasizes the paramount importance of development and urges concentration on constructive tasks throughout the area. It is a good system of defense, tries to strengthen security within the region and relieve it from the fear of imminent war and the burden of an armament race.

**Imaginative Approach**  
Mr. Dulles' commented the Prime Minister, does not rest content with the enunciation of the general principles. On the concrete issue of the Arab refugee his approach is at once realistic and imaginative. His attention is concentrated on the refugees' resettlement in countries where arable land can be made available, rather than on their unfeasible repatriation. To enable Israel to pay compensation he advocates with the President's authority, an international loan with a substantial participation by the U.S.

Mr. Sharett said that the following questions need to be clarified: How is it proposed to ensure that such compensation as is paid will help to finance reconstruction? And the Arab states to benefit from Israel's new influx of hard currency whilst ensuring Israel's financial losses through boycott and blockade? What is the present position of Jews from Israel and other Arab countries who have found refuge in Israel?

While the statement is disappointing and liable to raise apprehensions, continued Mr. Sharett, in its treatment of the problem of boundaries, Mr. Dulles appears to make their permanent definition a condition precedent for the conclusion of a defense treaty which he himself regards as urgently needed. It remains unexplained why the proposed treaties should not serve to guarantee against aggression the existing armistice lines. Is the new territorial status quo at least in the same manner as that status quo was purported to be guaranteed by the Tripartite Declaration. Whatever technical or other demerits the present armistice lines may possess, they at least have the inestimable advantage of being well known, systematized and upon, whereas any agreed correction of these lines in the near future is highly problematical, if not illusory.

The logical sequence presented by Mr. Dulles is to the effect that an impasse. One of the roots of the evil, Mr. Dulles rightly considers, is the state of mutual fear. This he would remove by the guarantees against mutual aggression. Yet by making the guarantees con-

cerning peace something which may not happen he leaves that fear, for all practical purposes, without a root. This is surely the most negative emphasis given to the factor of fear without any effective attempt to counteract it merely aggravates it.

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This attitude applies as much to Israel as to any other part of the Arab world, emphasized Mr. Sharett. Mr. Dulles refers to the difficulty arising from the fact that the Arab states are not yet ready to make a declaration of their own.

But, concluded Mr. Sharett, whatever the practical merits of the boundaries issue the statement speaks of conflicting claims a white elephant. The Arab states are not yet ready to make a declaration of their own.

"Lamerah" (Ahud Ha'voda), observing that Tel Aviv has again been surrendered to the bourgeoisie, wonders whether Mapai has learnt its lesson: that the natural alliance between the working-class people and the religious parties has been broken.

"Ha'okher" (General Zionist) observes that the battle for the soul of the south, Tel Aviv majority ended only in a victory for the citizens of the city and something was learned from it. The religious parties, who had been surrendered to the bourgeoisie, wonders whether Mapai has learnt its lesson: that the natural alliance between the working-class people and the religious parties has been broken.

"Ha'aretz" (non-party) observes that Mr. Levanon was granted a wide latitude in his

speech, but he responded so readily to our request for complimentary editions of *The Post* for July 4 (American Independence Day) — later distributed freely to nearly 150 Baptists who arrived in Jerusalem on that day. I would like to add, too, the official statement of Minister of Religious Affairs and the Foreign Ministry who arranged receptions for two of the larger groups.

Yours etc.  
E.L. LINDNER, Sec.

Baptist Convention in Israel, Jerusalem, August 24.

THEATRE GROUP

Editor, The Jerusalem Post.

— Sir. — Since the unusually large number of Baptist visitors to Israel this summer is now coming to an end, I wish to take this opportunity of expressing the appreciation of the Baptist Union in Israel to the various institutions and people who helped to make these visitors feel at home during their visit. Close to 2,000 Baptists, mostly American, have come through Mandelbaum Gate for a short visit to Israel before proceeding back to their countries.

I would like to mention in particular the special efforts put forth by the Government Tourist

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Anglo-Saxon Hostel, Tel Aviv, Sept. 4.

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## MUSICAL DIARY

OF the five operas being presented by the Opera Lirica Italiana during its 1955-56 appearance, *Puccini's Madama Butterfly* was the only one composed in the 20th Century. Since its world premiere in 1904, it has become one of the most popular operas in the world and the packed hall at the Edmond on Wednesday was proof of this lyrical drama. The ensemble was well built.

By a happy coincidence, the name of the tenor who sang the part of Lieutenant Pinkerton was also missing from the printed programme. We believe that he was Angelo Marchiandi.

### FRANCO

Ricciotto Poerter

TOO many first rate recordings of complete operas are now available on LP discs to impress the local public with a mediocre performance of one of Verdi's masterworks. The Opera Lirica Italiana does not seem to us to stand on a higher level than the gaudy amateur company, Revoltishly tasteless choir, and especially in the last act, ridiculous lighting effects gave a disastrous impression of the staging of "Rigoletto." With the exception of the one Mr. Michael Franco who sang the lead rôle with a good declamation, good mimic and voice qualities, and a really grand "Cortisano!..." the cast was pale and insignificant, si-

though, in the final duet, Miss Maria Dalia Spezia (Gilda) became more convincing. Maestro Vincenzo Marini was the conductor.

Ed. Yosef Gottsche, Conductor: Georg Solti, Piano: Frank Pellegrini. (Y.M.C.A. Hall, Sept. 6). *Siegfried: Overture* and "The Bartered Bride" by Bedrich Smetana, conducted by the Prague Symphony and Orchestra: Schumann: Symphony No. 1 in B flat major, op. 28.

FRANK Pellegrini, who was also the violinist in the first performance of the Ben-Haim Concerto with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in 1950, has proved once more his unique capacity as a performer of contemporary music. The required dry tone in the come was foisted repetitions had the evocative quality of some oriental instrument in the First Movement.

The middle section of the Concerto "Voices in the Night," a typical Ben-Haim Nocturne, displays Mediterranean sensuousness together with a mood of infinite solitude, and it is a pity that in the closing "Dance" the company of soloists too often on a rather conventional use of Ravelloques orceygi to establish the desired climax of a cyclic form. The orchestra's playing, thanks to Mr. Singer, was up to the high standard of the soloist.

Less satisfactory were the other items on the programme, especially in the Smetana Overture, where the strings sounded rather flat due to carelessness tuning.

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